

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

***Arlington School Committee
Curriculum Instruction Accountability and Assessment
Thursday, October 30, 2025
3:30 PM***

Via Zoom:
Zoom link

In Person:
*Arlington Public Schools District Office
14 Mill Brook Drive
Superintendent's Office, 2nd Floor
Arlington, MA 02476*

Open Meeting (L. Exton)

HGI Expansion (M. Janger)

Approval of Meeting Minutes - August 5, 2025 and October 7, 2025

- *CIAA Draft Meeting Minutes - August 5, 2025*
- *CIAA Draft Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2025*

Adjournment (L. Exton)

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.

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Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

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ATTACHMENTS:

	Type	File Name	Description
📎	Minutes	CIAA_DRAFT_Minutes_8-5-2025.pdf	Draft Meeting Minutes - August 5, 2025
📎	Minutes	CIAA_DRAFT_Minutes_10-7-2025.pdf	Draft Meeting Minutes - October 7, 2025

**Arlington School Committee
Curriculum Instruction Accountability and Assessment
Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, August 5, 2025
2:45 PM**

Attendees:

Subcommittee Members: Liz Exton, Paul Schlichtman

Administration: Dr. Liz Homan, Dr. Margaret Thomas, A.C. Vreeland (Doctoral Resident)

Other: Cheryl Miller - Attendee online

L. Exton opened the meeting at 2:51pm.

Job Descriptions - Discussion and Possible Vote

Director of Excellence, Access, and Opportunity
EAO Specialist

Director position rewritten to better represent the job.
Ensure director plays role of mediator - not specialist.
Supervises METCO - Liz H will add.

On a motion by Paul Schlichtman, seconded by Liz Exton, it was voted to recommend both job descriptions, with edits, to the full committee.
2-0 vote in the affirmative.

Old Business

New Business/Future Agenda Items

HGI
School Improvement Plans
DCAP/MTSS
Math Task Force

Adjournment

On a motion by Paul Schlichtman, seconded by Liz Exton, it was voted to adjourn the meeting.
2-0 vote in the affirmative.
Meeting adjourned at 3:23pm.

**Arlington School Committee
Curriculum Instruction Accountability and Assessment
Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
3:30 PM**

Attendees:

School Committee Members: Liz Exton, Paul Schlichtman , Len Kardon (remote)

Administration: Dr. Ford-Walker, AC Vreeland, Dr. Homan (remote)

Members of the public were present in person and on Zoom.

Liz Exton opened the meeting at 3:35pm.

Update on DCAP/MTSS Plan

Summer: updated DCAP and created plan

Currently working to make sure all understand what is expected of staff.

Dr. Homan and Dr. Ford-Walker are introducing the DCAP & MTSS plan to all schools in district, with a goal of introducing it to all schools by December 2025.

MTSS Working Group worked on the document. Working group includes APS staff & educators. The group is also creating an online resource bank for educators.

Dr. Ford-Walker presented the MTSS plan. See documents attached in NOVUS.

DCAP - now part of MTSS plan

There are MTSS Systems/Structures in place already. This document is intended to get everyone on the same page and includes explicit strategies to include families.

Len Kardon said it was a dense document and should be made more readable for families.

Paul Schlichtman asked when this would be shared with the entire district. The plan is to share the presentation with all schools by December.

Liz Exton asked how the first presentation was received by teachers. Dr. Homan responded that teachers are “with us” and they are working to bring specialists and support staff along.

School Quality Plan-Update on Presentation Plan

All elementary principals will present together.

Middle School and High School will present together.

A member of the public asked to circle back to the MTSS/DCAP and asked about SST referral forms.

Adjournment

On a motion by Paul Schlichtman, seconded by Len Kardon, it was voted to adjourn the meeting. 3-0 vote in the affirmative.

Meeting adjourned at 4:18pm.



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Adjournment (L. Exton)